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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 16 July 2011 – 08:00 17 July 2011

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES	
Death		1	1	Corpse of killed civilian located, Rafah	
Attack	1		1	During confrontations with civilians	
Raids	22	_	22	Incl. 5 in Ramallah and 7 in Bethlehem	
Arrests (per Person)	4	_	4	1 in Jerusalem and 3 in Hebron	
Detentions	13	_	13	At checkpoints and in residential areas	
Closure of Checkpoints	8	_	8	Incl. access impeded at 5 checkpoints	
Flying Checkpoints	13	_	13	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem and 3 in Qalqiliya	
Closure (per District)	9	_	9	Incl. Jerusalem & a village in Nablus	
Closure of Main Roads	46	_	46	Incl. 10 in Nablus and 15 in Hebron	
Closure of Crossing Points	_	6	6	Rafah Crossing open to civilians	
Settler Violence	1		1	Gathering near Burin village, Nablus	
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	_	1	Pal. officer summoned to Intelligence	
Palestinian Attacks	_	3	3	4 mortars fired towards the Green Line	
Demonstration	1	_	1	Against settlement activity in Nablus	
TOTAL	119	10	129		

DISTRICT EVENTS

WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	Closure: (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to Jerusalem city and to prevent civilians from other Palestinian districts from entering the city, only allowing access to civilians holding special permits. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the 'demarcation area' along the Wall in the area surrounding Jerusalem city and restrict access to the area to local residents as well as to civilians holding special permits. (iii) The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill between Biddu and Beit Iksa villages. Closure of Main Roads: (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate along the Wall section, separating the area of Dahiyat al Bareed from the town of Ar Ram. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the eastern entrance to Beit Iksa village and force civilians to access Jerusalem city through Qalandiya checkpoint. Checkpoint: The Israeli authorities continue to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a "border crossing point" and designates a special crossing lane for holders of Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to access Jerusalem city. Raid: At 00:30, the Israeli army raided Ar Ram town and arrested a civilian. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Kamal ar Risheq in Ar Ram town. Wall Gates: (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the Wall gate in Abu Dis town. (ii) The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on Ash Shayyah road in the area between As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As Sawahira al Gharbiya villages, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the areas north and south of Qalandiya village; south of Az Za'ayyem village; and in Wadi al 'Eizariya west of
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	Sinjil town and Saffa village as well as the junction to Kafr Malik and 'Ein Samiya villages. • Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: (i) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Um Safa and Deir Nidham villages.

	 (ii) At 00:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Sinjil town. (iii) At 02:10, the Israeli army raided Beit Sira village and served a summons on 'Odeh Mohammed al Hajj, a Palestinian National Security officer, to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. (iv) At 02:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Bir Zeit town. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the area west of 'Abud town in the area surrounding 'Ofarim settlement and north of Al Lubban al Gharbi and Rantis villages.
JENIN	 Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of Dotan settlement. Flying Checkpoint: At 14:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near Misliya village and searched civilians and vehicles until 16:00. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits, which affects the educational and health conditions of civilians living behind the Wall.
TUBAS	• <u>Checkpoint</u> : Though allowing civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley between 06:00 and 22:00, the Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the city of Tubas.
TULKAREM	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting Kafr al Labad town to Shufa village as well as the road connecting Shufa and 'Izbat Shufa villages. The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the detour road leading to Ramin village along the Tulkarem-Nablus main road. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions and impede civilian access at 'Einav checkpoint on the Tulkarem-Nablus main road. Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. Wall Construction: Land levelling for adjustment of the Wall route was suspended for the weekend in the area surrounding Jubara village. According to an Israeli High Court decision, the new Wall route will be constructed west of the village.
QALQILYA	 Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. In addition to closing the iron gate installed since the outbreak the second <i>Intifada</i>, the Israeli army has continued to close since 03:10 on 01 July 2011 the eastern entrance to Kafr Qaddum village with dirt barricades. Flying Checkpoints: At 12:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Jit village and searched civilians and vehicles.

- (ii) At 20:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to 'Azzun town and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 21:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near Jinsafut village and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Raid: At 07:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Immatin village.

• Wall Gates:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues close with an iron gate the entrance to the village of Wadi ar Rasha and to deny civilian access. The Israeli army allows residents to access the village through Gate #109. Having removed the iron gate at the entrance to the village of Ras 'Atiya, the Israeli army only allows students to cross to their schools outside the village through the Habla gate.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in Kafr Laqif village north of Karnei Shomron settlement; in Immatin village northeast of Imanuel settlement; and east of Kafr Thulth town near Ma'ale Shomron settlement.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the roads of Till-Burin and Beit Furik-Salem; the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh; the road connecting the town of 'Aqraba to the village of Osarin; and the detour road between the town of Qabalan and the village of Osarin.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan; the southern entrances to the town of Jamma'in and the villages of Duma and Qaryut; and the western entrance to An Naqura village opposite the settlement of Shavei Shomron.
- <u>Checkpoints</u>: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:

(i) At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jerzim Mount) is closed on Fridays and Saturdays as well as during Jewish holidays. On all other days, it is open for civilian residents of the neighbourhood only between 07:00 and 02:00.

(ii) At 'Awarta commercial checkpoint, civilians are allowed to cross between 05:00 and 20:00, but between 05:00 and 15:00 on Fridays. All vehicles can access the city of Nablus, but only commercial vehicles and ambulances can leave the city through the checkpoint.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 12:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to 'Iraq Burin village, searched civilians and vehicles, and denied access to civilians other than the village residents.
- (ii) At 21:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Qusin village and searched civilians and vehicles.

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	(iii) At 22:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction
	to Salem village and searched civilians and vehicles.
	(iv) At 02:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Deir Sharaf village and searched civilians and vehicles.
	• Raids/Detentions:
	(i) At 10:55, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the Popular housing
	quarter east of Nablus city.
	 (ii) At 11:45, the Israeli army raided Talluza village. While patrolling the area, the Israeli army detained a number of civilians and released them after interrogation. At 13:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the village. (iii) At 01:05, the Israeli army raided Sarra village and patrolled it until
	05:45.
	• <u>Settler Violence</u> : At 21:35, a group of Israeli settlers gathered at the eastern entrance to Burin village. The Israeli army evacuated settlers from the area at a later time.
	• <u>Demonstration</u> : At 14:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in 'Iraq Burin village in protest against the confiscation of civilian land for construction of Israeli settlement projects. Israeli troops intercepted the demonstration and declared the area a closed military zone. Confrontations also took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which a number of protestors sustained wounds as a result of tear gas inhalation.
SALFIT	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to Salfit city and with cement blocks the northern entrance to the Bruqin town. The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrance to two detour roads connecting Marda village to respective farmland. Beginning on 14 November 2010, the Israeli army has continued to open the northern entrance to Salfit city to civilian buses only. The entrance had been closed for seven years. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the area north of Deir Istiya town southeast of Emmanuel settlement.
JERICHO	 Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between Jericho city and Al 'Auja village with cement blocks. Checkpoints: (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting Jericho and Nablus districts, only allowing access to residents of Jericho district of the Jordan Valley area.

	 (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the junction to Al 'Auja village along Al-Mu'arrajat road connecting Jericho and Ramallah districts, only allowing access to residents of Jericho district as well as to others holding access permits. • Flying Checkpoints: (i) At 10:15, and again at 19:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to Jericho city and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 19:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Fasayil village and searched civilians and vehicles.
	• Closure:
	 (i) The Israeli army continues to close roads to An Nu'man village, with the exception of the road leading to the Wall gate in the southeastern area of the village. (ii) Beginning on 15 September 2007, the Israeli army has continued to prevent civilians from accessing or staying on 22 dunums of
	confiscated land in Al Mazmuriya area in Beit Sahur and
	Bethlehem cities.
	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmed road; a road east of Beit Fajjar town; the road connecting Tuqu' town to Khirbet al Baq'a village; and the detour road connecting Wadi Fukin and Al Jab'a villages. Raids:
BETHLEHEM	(i) At 15:50, and again at 01:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled
	Battir village. (ii) At 21:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Artas village. (iii) At 23:50, the Israeli army raided Ash Shawawra village and searched a civilian home.
	(iv) At 00:10, Israeli troops raided Husan village and searched a home.
	(v) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided Bethlehem city and Ad Duheisha refugee camp, searched three homes, and served summonses on three civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency:
	(i) Wisam Abdullah al Hasanat;
	(ii) Ahmed Ibrahim al 'Adam; and
	(iii) Rabee' Ali al Hureimi.
	 At 04:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the area northwest of Beit Jala city; around Al Walaja village; and east of Efrat settlement.
Hebron	• Closure: (i) The Israeli army continues to close Ash Shuhada' Street, As Sahleh and Khuzq al Far areas, and the old gold market in the old city of Hebron. In addition to closing the entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood, the Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the area of Al Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) with an iron gate and Al Laban Market with iron plates.

(ii) Beginning on 05 January 2009, the Israeli army has continued to close the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta. Having seized land for Wall construction, the Israeli army evacuated residents and denied civilian access to the area.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to Adh Dhahiriya and As Samoa' towns, Al 'Arrub refugee camp, and At Tuwani and Al Karmil villages.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Ash Shalala Old Street in the old city of Hebron.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close all roads leading to Road # 60 as well as detour roads along the settler bypass road leading to Yatta town.
- (iv) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades a detour road leading to the entrance to As Simiya village.

• Raids:

- (i) At 10:50, and again at 19:25, and at 03:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Hebron city.
- (ii) At 01:50, the Israeli army raided Taffuh town, searched a number of homes, arrested three civilians, and withdrew at 03:25.
- Arrests: The Israeli army arrested three civilians in Taffuh town:
- (i) Fahmi Yousef at Taradeh;
- (ii) Majdi Ahmed at Taradeh; and
- (iii) Tareq Abdul Karim Irzeigat.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the area surrounding Eshkolot settlement west of Adh Dhahiriya town.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS

- At 02:00 on 18 January 2009, the unilateral ceasefire declared by the Israeli authorities came into effect. At a later time on the same day, armed Palestinian groups announced an agreement to cease fire. The ceasefire has been further renewed on 10 April 2011.
- <u>Violation of the Ceasefire</u>: Armed Palestinian individuals fired four mortars towards the Green Line.

NORTHERN GAZA

• <u>Closure of Crossing Point</u>: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing was partially open to previously-coordinated critically ill civilians, foreign journalists, international organisations staff, merchants, businesspeople, and civilians intending to travel to Jordan through *Al Karama* (Allenby) Bridge in the West Bank.

• Palestinian Attacks:

(i) In the morning of 16 July 2011, an unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.

	 (ii) At dawn on 17 July 2011, an unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (iii) In the morning of 17 July 2011, two unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. 	
GAZA	Closure of Crossing Points: Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 02 March 2011, the Crossing has been effectively closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision. Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 04 January 2010, the Crossing has been closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision.	
CENTRAL GAZA	Incidents not reported.	
KHAN YUNIS	Incidents not reported.	
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing was open for civilians departing the Gaza Strip and to those arriving from Egypt. Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Salem (Karem Shalom) Crossing was closed. Death: On 16 July 2011, medics located the corpse of Mohammed Ibrahim Mohammed al Bayyouk after he had been lost in a tunnel destroyed by the Israeli air force, as was reported on 14 July 2011. Then, five civilians were also reported to have been injured during the Israeli aerial attack. 	

GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS • Sentence: An Israeli military court sentenced Fadi Omar Ghannam, a political prisoner from Nur Shams refugee camp in Tulkarem city, to a jail term of six months. The court also imposed a fine of ILS 2,000 (approximately US\$ 590) on Ghannam.
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